

Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as shown. Applicant reserves the right to pursue any cancelled claims at a later date.

1.-12. (canceled)

13. (new) A device for visualizing structured data via a display mechanism associated with a computing device, the device comprising:

- a first and a second application;
- a folder having a folder property processed by the first application;
- a folder icon representing the folder and displayed via the display mechanism;
- a first application link linked to the first application, the link displayed via the display mechanism;
- an object having an object property processed by the second application;
- an object icon representing the object and displayed via the display mechanism;
- a second application link linked to the second application, the link displayed via the display mechanism; and
- a folder selection mechanism for displaying a content of the folder;

wherein the first application is selected via the first application link, wherein the second application is selected via the second application link, and wherein the folder includes an element selected from the group consisting of a further folder, the object, and combinations thereof.

14. (new) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the folder properties are copyable.

15. (new) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the element is generated during the configuration of an industrial automation system.

16. (new) The device as claimed in claim 13, wherein the structured data is structured in the form of a tree structure.

17. (new) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein a display of the first application link is displayed on a same logical level as the folder icon.

18. (new) The device as claimed in claim 17, wherein the display of first application link includes an icon.

19. (new) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein a display of the first application link is included in the display of the folder content.

20. (new) The device as claimed in claim 16, wherein the computing device is part of an industrial automation system.

21. (new) The device as claimed in claim 16, further comprising:
a selection mechanism; and
a textual information for the first application,
wherein the textual information is displayed when the selection mechanism is in a proximity of the first link.

22. (new) The device as claimed in claim 21, wherein the textual information is dependent on the position of a display element positioned on a display area of the display mechanism.

23. (new) A method for visualizing structured data via a display mechanism associated with a computing device, comprising:

providing the structured data having a folder with a folder property, the folder including an element selected from the group consisting of a second folder, an object with an object property, and combinations thereof;

providing a first application for processing the folder property;

providing a second application for processing the object property;

providing a folder icon representing the folder, an object icon representing the object, and a component icon representing a first application, the icons displayable by the display mechanism;

displaying the structured data via the display mechanism;
displaying a content of the folder via the folder icon;
launching the second application via the object icon; and
launching the first application via the component icon.

24. (new) The method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the structured data is displayed in the form of a tree structure.

25. (new) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the component icon is displayed at a same hierarchically level as the folder icon.

26. (new) The method as claimed in claim 25, further comprises copying the folder properties.

27. (new) The method as claimed in claim 25, further comprises displaying a textual information regarding the component icon.

28. (new) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein a display of the textual information is based the position of the component icon.

29. (new) The method as claimed in claim 28, wherein the textual information is displayed when cursor is placed within proximity of the component icon.

30. (new) The method as claimed in claim 24, wherein the computing device is part of an industrial automation system.